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Survey Response

Name:	Susan Fong			
Telephone Number:				
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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):	Greetings: I am writing to encourage you to vote yes on May 20 to authorize the allocation of \$1.1 million in County Parks and Recreation funds to support the purchase of the Pismo Preserve. I attended the April meeting of the SLO County Parks Commission, during which the commissioners present voted unanimously to forward this recommendation to the BOS. They did so with full recognition of the list of priority projects awaiting funding, because: 1) this is a time-sensitive, once in a lifetime opportunity for the County to preserve a large, intact parcel of recreational land with stunning views, native oak stands, and a variety of outdoor opportunities and conservation benefits 2) local residents countywide will benefit enormously from this purchase and can do so rather immediately, as ten miles of ag roads suitable for trails are already in place 3) revenues from tourism can be anticipated to increase,			
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advantage of the unique resources of the Preserve for hikers, bikers, birders and walkers 4) the SLO Land Conservancy, a reliable partner on past projects, will assume responsibility for maintenance of the property---a huge break for the County 5) it is critical for the County to step up and publicly endorse this project to assure support from State commissions and grantors for the larger sums still required by mid July to complete the purchase 6) South County has relatively few beautiful, sprawling recreational areas available, compared to North County. The area needs alternatives to car shows and beaches for visitors and residents alike. For these and many more reasons, it is critical that the Supervisors approve the recommendation of the SLO County Parks Commission without delay. Thank you for your consideration.